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1. There were no significant combat operations in the area during the period. 25X1A	
2. At the Eighth Congress of the Chinese Communist Party meeting in Peiping, comparatively limited attention was given to Taiwan, with speakers merely restating the Chinese Communist position on the issue. While emphasizing the theme of "peaceful liberation," Liu Shao-chi, the ranking Chinese Communist after Mao Tse-tung, asserted that Peiping would not hese itate to use force against Taiwan "when all possibilities for peaceful negotiations have been exhausted or when peaceful negotiations have failed."  25X	\- -

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